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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady. Demand mostly light instances moderate. Light sales reported for prompt shipments. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins. Inquiry was light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light. Supplies mixed. Industry members watching developing situation in Mexico pertaining to the West Coast Newcastle disease problem.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 16, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	60.25	60.25	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	57.75	57.75	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59.75-62	59.75	59.75	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	60.50	60.50	1000	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	58	58.00	1000	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 10, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.75	61.00	60.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.48	60.50**	61.00
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	58.10**	57.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.99	57.50**	58.50
WESTERN REGION	57.50**	57.60**	58.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	90-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-JAN-2003**

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS (000) PRICE	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.62	26 67.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.62	26 67.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-11, 2003	143,858*
To date 2003	143,858*
To date 2002	200,351*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE		OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW		WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-			WT
N EAST	834 46	23.35	(A)	838	23.35		
SATL	788 60	32.41	(A)	792	32.41		
N CENT	2,031 35	32.41	(A)	2,035	32.41		
S CENT	438 8	21.97	(A)	442	21.97		
WEST	368 27	22.53	(A)	371	22.53		
U.S. TOTAL	4,459(B) 36	29.27	19	4,478	29.27		
TO-DATE							
2003	7,729(B)		28	7,757			
TO-DATE							
2002	7,837(B)		2	7,839			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 76,000; for the year 94,000; last year to date 67,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 11-Jan-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,774	2,609	76	19	4,478	
AVG WT	15.42	38.76	26.55	29.20	29.27	
LAST WEEK	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279	
SAME WK YR AGO	1,840	2,790	34	2	4,666	
AVG WT	16.31	37.85	26.31	53.84	28.69	
TO-DATE/2003	3,039	4,596	94	28	7,757	
TO-DATE/2002	3,102	4,668	67	2	7,839	

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 JANUARY 2003.

The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady with the balance of white meat steady to instances weak. Inquiry was moderate on destrapped tenderloins, light to instances fair on the balance of white meat items. The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged from mostly steady on 2-joint wings to instances weak. Some spot export strength was noted on drums and thigh meat for shipment by Friday to the Mexican border before the import ban is implemented. Bulk parts demand was slow for domestic, light to instances fair for export shipments. Offerings available with some held with more confidence than others. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums for export, light on the balance of items. Tom wings traded at 18.50 cents delivered domestic for early February shipments and frozen thigh meat +6 months age traded at 32-49 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	90.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	20.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	19.17	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.60	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.33	60
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	20
NECKS, HEN	10.00		10.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	117.00		117.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00-128.00		123.50	240
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	73.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	64.00		64.00	240
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00-105.00		104.20	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	120.00		120.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	42.00-43.00		42.71	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-20.00		19.08	638
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-19.00		16.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.50-53.00		51.41	212

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady. Inquiry was moderate to instances good on destrapped tenderloins with activity centered on frozen. Interest on frozen destrapped tenderloins was noted from traders taking positions. Some frozen destrapped tenderloins traded at 103 cents delivered February and 106 cents delivered March. The undertone on tom breast meat was barely steady at best with some increased activity noted on fresh at the lower trending prices. The undertone on wing meat continued steady to weak with abundant offerings continuing to be noted from both current and old production. Breast trim offerings available. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was barely steady with lower trending offering prices noted. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins for domestic, balance of domestic and export shipments light. Plant grade breasts: 14-16 lb non-basted 98 delivered domestic, basted 8-10 lb, 85-97 and basted 10-12 lb. 92-94 cents delivered export. Mixed hand cut, machine defatted gizzards traded at 45 cents delivered export for January - February shipments. Thigh meat sold at premiums for Russian export shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	90.00	200	90.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	2	154.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	40	88.14	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	11	19.94	177
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00		19.00	80	19.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	15	18.52	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.04	166	19.09	286
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	15	20.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	9	53.00	9
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	106	13.74	306
NECKS, HEN		R	10.00	80	10.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	80	116.82	220
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	123.50	240	123.50	240
THIGH MEAT		R	54.00	40	57.33	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	57.00	40	53.33	240
BREAST TRIM MEAT	79.00		79.00	40	76.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	64.00	240	64.83	375
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	98.00-102.25		100.63	600	101.02	1,000
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	118.00		118.00	25	118.38	105
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	45.00		45.00	40	43.00	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	160	15.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.63	160	16.15	260
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-24.00		18.86	228	18.07	1,288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	17.00	120	17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00-19.50		19.30	260	19.30	260
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	104	16.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	80	47.84	556

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